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Applicant: Maarit LAHTINEN et al. Conf.: 4193

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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January 26, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 25, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-5, 7 and 9-21.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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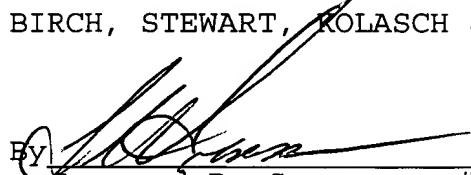
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Respectfully submitted,

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